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REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., December 17, 1899.—I have the honor to report the following work for the week ended December 16, 1899: Inspection Mexican Central Railway passengers, 154; inspection at international bridge and giving certificates of successful vaccination, 54; inspection of immigrants, 33; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 11; vaccination, 16.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., December 19, 1899.—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended December 16, 1899: All passengers on train from Mexico inspected and allowed entry. Fifteen immigrants inspected and allowed entry. Seven persons vaccinated, including indigent third-class passengers and immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., *December 20, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the presence of 12 cases of smallpox under treatment at the pesthouse of this city. None of the cases can be traced to the river, but, on the contrary, seem to have originated from a resort within the city. Most of the cases are of a mild form, and the majority of the patients are negroes.

The wharf master has been requested to post notice that all seamen presenting themselves at the office of this hospital may be vaccinated.

With your approval and advice I will visit the pesthouse, under proper precautions, to observe clinical aspects of the disease.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Case of smallpox at Leadville, Colo.

DENVER, COLO., *December 14, 1899.*

SIR: A case of smallpox is reported at Leadville, Colo., having developed December 5. Patient well quarantined.

Respectfully,

G. E. TYLER,
Secretary.

Smallpox in Norfolk and vicinity.

NORFOLK, VA., *December 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that the smallpox situation at this port is becoming more serious. So far I have had no reply to my letter of inquiry from the health commissioner of this city, although I was told by the commissioner and the president of the board of health verbally, that they declined to give the information because there was more smallpox in other towns in the vicinity which were not reporting it, and it would be an injustice to this city to make a report under those circumstances. I see from the papers that Portsmouth has ordered a general vaccination and appointed a physician to take charge of all smallpox cases. So far no report has been received from the health officer of Norfolk County.

Respectfully,

EDW. E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.